

Just how does someone reign in these political extremists who give away free of charge airwave time to a single party? Does this kind of action serve the public? I think not. Why does one party get a \$325,000 free ride while another party has to pay? Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves. I recommend that they lose their privilege if this is how they do business. Who do they think they are?

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. I would seriously consider not renewing their license when the time comes due. It is obvious that they don't believe in serving the public. Thank you.